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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1.SUMMARY: FOURTEEN ADDITIONAL DELS SPOKE ON MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION IN GA DEC 7, RESTATING WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS. DEBATE
WILL BE INTERRUPTED DEC 8 WHEN MORNING PLENARY TAKES UP SYG'S
REAPPOINTMENT.END SUMMARY.

2. CONTINUING DEBATE ON SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, GA
PLENARY DEC 7 HEARD STATEMENTS BY GREECE, NETHERLANDS (FOR EC-9),
BANGLADESH, BYELORUSSIA, IRAN, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA, PLO,
MAURITANIA, SWEDEN, CAMEROON,CUBA, BURUNDI, AND SOMALIA.
SPEECHES WERE RELATIVELY TEMPERATE AND SINGULARLY UNIMAGINATIVE
AND REPETITIVE OF PAST STATEMENTS.DUTCH AMB KAUFMANN, ON
BEHALF OF EC-9, REITERATED FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR NEGOTIATIONS
ENUNCIATED IN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND EC-9 POSITION ON
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. HE NOTED RECENT FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS,
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INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT IN LEBANESE SITUATION AND STATEMENTS

OF ME LEADERS INDICATING TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE URGED THAT PRESENT OPPORTUNITY BE GRASPED, THAT GREATEST EFFORTS BE MADE TO FIND WAY AROUND OBSTACLES, AND THAT ALL CONCERNED REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT WOULD PREJUDICE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS. CITING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AS ONLY AGREED FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE, HE OPPOSED ANY UNILATERAL ATTEMPT TO DETRACT FROM THEM.

3. CUBAN SPEECH (ALARCON) WAS NOTABLE FOR MODERATION AND STEREOTYPE APPROACH, EMPHASIZING RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS AND DESIRABILITY OF RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF PLO. US NOT MENTIONED, EVEN BY IMPLICATION.) PLO (TERZI) ALSO REITERATED PREVIOUSLY-EXPRESSED VIEWS, QUOTING AT LENGTH FROM STATEMENT IN SC DURING JANUARY 1976 PALESTINE DEBATE. HE CONCLUDED WITH ACCUSATION THAT US OBSTRUCTS PEACE EFFORTS THROUGH MILITARY AID AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. IRAN SOUGHT TO STRIKE BALANCE IN CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ALONG WITH RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF ALL STATES IN AREA TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. HE ALSO URGED INCLUSION OF PALESTINIANS IN ALL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AS ESSENTIAL IS SUCH EFFORTS TO SUCCEED AND DECLARED THAT AN INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE ON PLO SHOULD NOT BE USED AS PRETEXT TO AVOID NEGOTIATIONS.

4. PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE ANNOUNCED THAT AT MORNIG PLENARY DEC 8 GA WOULD TAKE UP QUESTION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF SYG, RETURNING TO ME ITEM THEREAFTER. ABOUT 20 SPEAKERS REMAIN TO BE HEARD ON ME ITEM.
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